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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 1318

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT  
SUBJ: ISRAELI REACTION TO FEDAYEEN RAID

REF: A) STATE 63489, B) TEL AVIV 3335

1. WE HAVE NOTED TEL AVIV'S CONVICTION (TEL AVIV 3310)  
THAT ISRAELIS WILL INTERPRET USG SILENCE ON RETALIATION  
AS TACIT APPROVAL OR ACCEPTANCE OF ISRAELI RETALIATION AGAINST  
THE PLO. WE PRESUME THIS MEANS THE PLO IN LEBANON, ALTHOUGH  
PERHAPS SYRIA SHOULD NOT BE RULED OUT. LEBANESE, OF COURSE,  
GENERALLY ASSUME RETALIATION COMING AND ONLY SPECULATION IS  
WHERE AND WHEN, NOT WHETHER.

2. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED GOL ENGAGED IN CONCERTED DIPLOMATIC  
ACTIVITY TO LIMIT DAMAGE, BUT GIVES NO SPECIFICS. MY  
CONVERSATION WITH BOUTROS OF YEAL EVENING HAS NOT BEEN  
MENTIONED. WE TALKED AGAIN BRIEFLY THIS MORNING (I TOLD HIM  
ISRAELIS REPORTED TERRORISTS HAD ORIGINALLY LEFT FROM  
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BEIRUT) AND I AM SCHEDULED TO CALL ON HIM AT NOON TOMORROW  
(MARCH 14). PRESS WILL INEVITABLY ASSUME IFPLIS AND I WILL BE ASKED  
WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IN THAT REGARD. PERHAPS SOMETHING  
WILL COME OUT OF TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING, BUT IT WOULD BE  
USEFUL NEVERTHELESS TO HAVE SOME SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AS TO  
HOW WE SHOULD RESPOND TO SUCH QUERIES.

3. ALL OF US HERE FULLY SHARE THE PRESIDENT'S SENSE OF OUTRAGE AT THIS INCIDENT, WHICH HE COMMUNICATED SO ELOQUENTLY IN HIS MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN (USINFO, WASHDC 11215Z), AND I REALIZE THAT ISRAELIS FEEL THEY MUST RETALIATE. AT SAME TIME I HOPE THAT EMOTION OF THE MOMENT WILL NOT BLIND ISRAELIS TO BASIC FACT THAT MASSIVE RETALIATION AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS IS, AS WALTER LACQUER SAID ON ISRAELI NEWS TODAY,

EXACTLY WHAT TERRORISTS WERE HOPING TO PROVOKE. IN ADDITION, SUCH ACTION WILL CAUSE FURTHER SUFFERING BY MANY INNOCENT MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN. AS ISRAELIS CONSIDER THEIR NEXT MOVE, I HOPE WE CAN FIND A WAY TO MAKE THESE POINTS TO THEM. PARKER

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